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Report from Bocos del Toro, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended May 12, 1906. Present officially estimated population not obtainable; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, infected.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage.
May 6	Chickahominy.....	New Orleans	45	0	0	0
9	Helen.....	Mobile	22	0	0	0
10	Fort Morgan.....	do	24	0	0	0
11	Karen	New Orleans	24	0	0	0

PERU.

Report from Callao—Inspection of vessels—Plague in Peru—Suspect plague and epizootic among rats on steamship Palena—Plague lazaretto at Callao—Plague and smallpox in Chile.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Wightman reports, May 5, as follows:

Two weeks ended May 5, 1906. The British steamship *Chile* was dispatched April 27 for Ancon, Canal Zone, and intermediate ports, with general cargo, 128 passengers, and 4 crew from this port; the Chilean steamship *Tucapel* was dispatched May 2 with the same destination, with general cargo, 100 passengers, and 3 crew from this port. Both vessels were fumigated and all personnel was inspected. Certificates were issued to 85 persons bound for Ancon, and their effects inspected and passed or fumigated.

Three new cases of plague have occurred in Lima, making a total of 30 cases with 18 deaths and 5 recoveries for the month of April. A new case occurred May 1, making 17 cases now under treatment in the lazaretto.

No new case has occurred in Callao since March 26.

I inclose a translated copy of the latest report received of the various districts of Peru.

For this information I am indebted to Doctor Arce, Director de Salubridad.

On May 2 the steamship *Palena* arrived from Ancon and intermediate ports, having had a death on board, reported by the ship's surgeon as probably plague. There is also evidence of an epizootic among rats on board. The vessel is at present in quarantine.

On April 28, by courtesy of Doctor Arce and members of his staff, I made a visit to the plague lazaretto, an excellent and well-equipped institution. The buildings are of wood, on the pavilion plan, and built with due regard for light, air space, ventilation, and facility of cleansing. Complete preparation has also been made for a possible future outbreak of yellow fever, including thoroughly screened wards and rooms, with double doors, portable screen rooms, etc. Modern steam disinfecting chambers are to be installed.

Bills of health from the south show Antofagasta to be still infected with plague, and Antofagasta, Coquimbo, and Iquique with smallpox.

Official statistics of plague in Peru April 30, 1906.

Locality.	Cases April 23	New cases.	Cured.	Died.	Cases April 30.
Lima	15	3	0	1	17
Payta	4	0	0	0	4
Trujillo (district)	22	4	1	1	24
Lambayeque	4	0	0	0	4
Mollendo	3	0	0	0	3
Mansefú	0	1	0	0	1

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Report from Manila—Quarantine transactions.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, April 6, as follows:

Quarantine transactions of the Service in the Philippine Islands during the month of February, 1906.

PORT OF MANILA.

Bills of health issued:

To steamers for—	
United States ports	4
Foreign ports	35
Domestic ports	150
To sailing vessels for—	
United States ports	0
Foreign ports	0
Domestic ports	84
Total	<u>273</u>

Vessels inspected:

Steamers from—	
United States ports	6
Foreign ports	32
Domestic ports	147
Sailing vessels from—	
United States ports	3
Foreign ports	0
Domestic ports	101
Total	<u>289</u>

Passengers on arriving boats inspected:

On steamers—	
Cabin	1,054
Steerage	4,627
On sailing vessels—	
Cabin	0
Steerage	441
Total	<u>6,122</u>

Persons vaccinated:

On steamers—	
Crew	177
Passengers	56
On sailing vessels—	
Crew	247
Passengers	0
Total	<u>480</u>